

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For	: TREATMENT TOOL FOR ENDOSCOPE HAVING END EFFECTOR OPERATING LIKE PINCERS		

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
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Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of August 10, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on November 10, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the hereincontained amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this Response.